

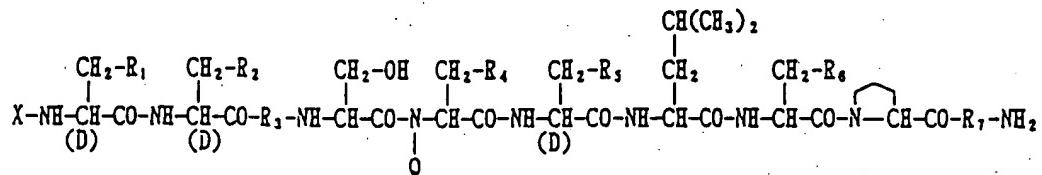
IN THE ABSTRACT:

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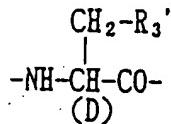
IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) A sustained-release preparation which comprises a physiologically active peptide of the general formula



wherein X represents an acyl group; R₁, R₂ and R₄ each represents an aromatic cyclic group; R₃ represents a D-amino acid residue or a group of the formula



wherein R_{3'} is a heterocyclic group; R₅ represents a group of the formula -(CH₂)_n-R_{5'} wherein n is 2 or 3 and R_{5'} is an amino group which may be substituted, an aromatic cyclic group or an O-glycosyl group; R₆ represents a group of the formula -(CH₂)_n-R_{6'} wherein n is 2 or 3 and R_{6'} is an amino group which may be substituted; R₇ represents a D-amino acid residue or an azaglycyl residue; and Q represents hydrogen or a lower alkyl group, or a salt thereof; and a biodegradable polymer having a terminal carboxyl group.

2. (currently amended) The sustained-release preparation according to claim 1, wherein X is a C₂₋₇ alkanoyl group which may be substituted by a 5- or 6-membered heterocyclic carboxamido group.

ABSTRACT

A sustained-release preparation which comprises a physiologically active peptide of general formula I and a biodegradable polymer having a terminal carboxyl group. The sustained-release preparation shows a constant release of the peptide over a long period of time and is substantially free from an initial burst.